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## **News Advisory**

**Please run in community event listings through Saturday, March 14th, 2009**

### **UDOH, Partners Offer Reduced-price A1C Tests**

- What:** Reduced-price A1C testing (\$5) will be available to patients with diabetes at select Smith's Pharmacies on **Thursday, March 12** and **Saturday, March 14**.
- Why:** The A1C test is a simple blood test that reflects an average blood glucose level over a three-month period. The A1C number gives patients a good indication of how well their overall diabetes treatment plan is working and is a critical patient tool in the continued management of the disease.
- Who:** **The A1C testing partnership includes** the Utah Department of Health (UDOH) Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, Smith's Food & Drug Stores, Abbot Diabetes Care, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals and the American Diabetes Association.
- When:** Thursday, March 12 (4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)  
Saturday, March 14 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
- Where:** Tests will be conducted at the following Smith's Pharmacies for just \$5:  
  
455 South 500 East (SLC)  
1174 West 600 North (SLC, Rose Park)  
828 South 900 West (SLC)  
3215 South Valley Street (3300 East) - SLC  
2039 East 9400 South (Sandy)  
1820 West 9000 South (West Jordan)
- How:** A pharmacist will be on hand at each participating location to help patients understand their results and the importance of A1C levels in diabetes management and treatment. The A1C test should occur 2-4 times per year. The goal of the UDOH A1C campaign is to increase understanding of the A1C test and its role in diabetes management. For testing locations and availability, please visit <http://health.utah.gov/diabetes/> or call 888-222-2542.

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